

# Scooter Safety & Laws



We have received reports of neighborhood children riding and racing gas-powered scooters on our streets. This activity is both dangerous and illegal. In response, we are providing information about the local laws for motorized vehicles.

- If police find a child without a driver's license operating one of these vehicles, the child's parents will be cited and summoned into Fayette District Court under the same law that prohibits an unlicensed driver from operating a motor vehicle.
- Penalties for these citations include up to 90 days in jail and/or a \$250 fine.
- Under state law, parents can also be found liable for acts committed by their child while operating motorized scooters.

These laws do not affect disabled people who use motorized wheelchairs or carts

- Lexington-Fayette Urban County RCO 18-25 states that no vehicle of any kind are allowed on sidewalks.
- A driver's license is required to operate electric or gas scooters on public roads. (This also applies to mopeds, go-carts, and golf carts.)

on sidewalks. But if a scooter is motorized, an unlicensed driver can't legally operate it outside of his own yard or driveway. Local police have received trespassing complaints when parents load up a child and scooter and take them to a parking lot or rural area.

If you observe children using these motorized scooters unlawfully in our neighborhood, please speak with their parents or alert the police. Let's make safety for our kids and drivers a top priority.

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# AUTUMN RIDGE PARK IS OPEN

The Park is open. We just put a chain across the drive-way to limit vehicle access. We hope this will help keep out unwanted activity. We want the park to be a safe and clean place to visit.



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# Autumn Ridge Homeowners Newsletter

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## Features:

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## Newsletter:

If you have questions or have an important issue that would benefit our neighborhood please email Linda at:

**crosscreek@insightbb.com**

## Clean Out Those Closets, Garages and Attics! Autumn Ridge Semi-Annual Yard Sale

### Mark your calendar.

- **Date:** Saturday, October 3, 2009
- **Time:** 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



To participate, tie a balloon to your mailbox and let the Neighborhood Association take care of signs and advertising. We are asking for a \$5.00 donation to help defray the cost of advertising. All excess funds will go to the park fund, which are desperately needed. To sign up, you can mail or drop your payment off at 3621 Willow Spring, Lexington, KY 40509.

If you have any questions, please email me at [mcammack@insightbb.com](mailto:mcammack@insightbb.com).

## First Neighborhood Watch was held on 9/1/09

We had our first Neighborhood Watch meeting on September 1, 2009 and it was well attended by about 40 neighbors. We heard from Officer Steve Gaunce, with the Division of Police, Community Services. He had some excellent tips for keeping our neighborhood safe such as, keeping garage doors closed and vehicles locked when they are outside of the garage area, keep garage lights on and light any area that is dark, when installing an alarm system ask them to install the box somewhere other than the garage preferably an attic area, tell several neighbors you are going on vacation not just one.

I am currently coordinating block captains for every street in the neighborhood. A block captain will have the names and phone numbers for about 10-15 homes that they can see. If there is a problem a neighbor will call the block captain to alert them of an issue. The block captain will then call the neighbors to alert them so we now have 10-15 homes that are alerted not just one home and of course the police should be called in an emergency situation.

Please contact me, **Terri Carpenter @ 806-6123** or [tcarpenter@wlex.tv](mailto:tcarpenter@wlex.tv) for more information. Our next meeting is scheduled for 10/5/09 at 6:30pm at Crossroads Christian Church.



## Put Our Newsletter to Work for you – Advertise!

### Newsletter Ad Costs:

Cost for placing ads in the quarterly newsletter.

### Professional Rates:

\$35 Business Card Size, \$70 Fourth Page, and \$125 Half Page

### Non-Professional Rates:

\$10 Business Card Size, \$20 Fourth Page, and \$40 Half Page

## LexCall 3-1-1

LexCall 3-1-1 is the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government's Centralized service and information contact center. LexCall was initiated in 1997 to make it easier for citizens to access their local government. In October 2006 LexCall 3-1-1 was started as your one call for City Hall.

When you call LexCall 3-1-1 during office hours (Mon-Fri, 7AM - 8PM) you will speak with a friendly person who will help you... not a recording. And now there is an easy-to-use website: [lexcall.lfucg.com](http://lexcall.lfucg.com) that will help you retrieve information, request a service, or report a problem.

## Fence Construction

**All homeowners must have approval from the Homeowners Association before beginning construction on a fence. Please allow 10-14 days for approval.**

## Whom Should I Call?

LexCALL: **425-2255**  
 Street Lights Out: **1.800.981.0600**  
 Kentucky Utilities: **255.2100**  
 Columbia Gas: **288.0215**  
 Kentucky American Water Company: **269.2386**  
 Mosquitoes: **231.9791**  
 Humane Society: **233.0044**  
 District Court: **246.2228**  
 County Clerk: **253.3344**  
 Board of Education: **381.4100**  
 Property Valuation: **246.2722**  
 Health Department: **252.2371**

## Autumn Ridge Street Tree Replacement List

The Board has approved the following trees and distribution by street as replacement for the pear trees in Autumn Ridge:



**Red Maple:** Autumn Ridge Drive, Deer Crossing Way, Windy Meadow Way, Misty Morning Circle, Sedona Vista, Rochester Court and Ramblewood Way

**Thornless Honeylocust:** Winter Haven Way, Indian Summer Trail and Crimson Creek Way

**Black Gum aka Black Tupelo:** Briarpatch Way, Michaels Cove, Doe Meadow Court, Pheasant Run and Willow Spring

**NOTE:** For those owning corner lots, abide by the street on which the tree is located.

The Board obtained an open permit for Autumn Ridge residents to replace the pear trees per the street selection mandated above, therefore, you will not be required to get a permit as it has already been done for you. Also, replacement trees must be at least 1.5 inch in caliper.



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## Park Committee Being Formed

A committee is being formed to **CLEAN UP** Autumn Ridge Park. I'm sure many of you know that in its current condition the park attracts people who are participating in less than expectable actions. Therefore, this effort will be a serious one. Our objectives will include futures plans for the park (do we want to make it a place for families and social events), clearing trees that will make the park more visible (this will help keep out the "bad guys"), and most of all making it a place where families can take their children and not have to worry about what type of behavior is going on around them. This is the perfect time to start this project since the association is putting into place a neighborhood watch program and this will help support our efforts.

If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Sara Fenton-Wells - **285-8800** or [sarafentonwells@gmail.com](mailto:sarafentonwells@gmail.com). I would like to have the committee together and working by October 1st. Thank you, Sara Fenton-Wells

## YARD WASTE

The Autumn Ridge Board of Directors has received numerous complaints of residents depositing yard waste into the lake and stream in our neighborhood. Yard waste is considered a contaminant. This contamination causes excess nutrients which encourage algae and rooted plant growth in lakes and streams. An overabundance of algae in a water body can lead to oxygen depletions, fish kills, strong odors, toxin production, and unsightly surface scums. Although plant material and nutrients gradually accumulate in lakes and streams, a neighborhood or community with improperly managed yard waste practices can be a significant contributor of excess amounts of nutrients and cause unnecessary degradation of lakes and streams.

### What is yard waste?

Yard waste is organic material from our yards: grass clippings, leaves, shrub trimmings, and tree limbs.

## Pet Complaints



The Autumn Ridge Board of Directors has received several complaints recently regarding homeowners allowing their dogs off the leash, not cleaning up dog waste and allowing uncontrolled barking. The Board asks all

dog owners in the community to please be mindful of your responsibilities as a pet owner and as a good neighbor. All pets must be kept on leashes at all times for the safety of everyone in the community and all pet owners must clean up their pet's waste. The LFUCG has clear ordinances governing pet ownership. They are as follows:

**Barking Dogs:** It is unlawful to have a dog whose barking or yelping creates a noise disturbance across the boundaries of your residence. Violators may

## Where should I dispose of it?

The LFUCG Division of Waste Management will provide separate yard waste collection to all residents that receive LFUCG garbage collection service. Yard waste will be picked up once a week on your garbage day - the same day that Rosie recycling containers are collected. There are two types of FREE containers available.

### Sturdy 30-gallon paper yard waste bags

If you choose the bags, you will receive coupons in the mail to obtain the bags free at a variety of local retail stores convenient to you. To receive the coupons for the yard waste bags, please call 311 (LexCall) or you can visit their website at <http://www.lexingtonky.gov/index.aspx?page=697>

### A specially designed 95-gallon yard waste cart (The Lenny)

If you choose the Lenny, you can receive bag coupons during the

be charged under the noise ordinance [Section 14-72] and fined \$25 to \$500. Violations of this ordinance are handled by the Division of Police, 258.3600.

**Dog Litter:** Owners should not allow dogs to deposit droppings in public places or on the property of others [Section 4-23.1]. When you walk your dog, make sure you take something with you to clean up after it. Make sure to clean up your dog's droppings in your own yard, too, so they don't accumulate and create a health hazard [Section 4-23.2 and 11-6]. Be sure to double bag droppings or put them in a container before placing them in the trash [Section 16-8] and never dispose of dog litter in a creek or storm sewer.

**Leash Law:** Dogs must be confined behind a fence or otherwise securely restrained while on the owner's property. A dog may be kept unleashed and unconfined on the

leaf season, if your cart cannot accommodate the volume of waste. To order your Lenny, please call 311 (LexCall) or you can visit their website at <http://www.lexingtonky.gov/index.aspx?page=697>

## Preparation Guidelines

- You may use your own personal plastic or metal cans.
- These cans must be marked "yard waste only".
- The cans should not exceed 30 gallons in capacity.
- They must have lids.
- Yard waste must be separated from all other garbage to prevent contamination of the material.
- Yard waste cannot be accepted in plastic bags.
- Limbs cannot be longer than 4 feet in length and 6 inches in diameter. If the limbs are not placed in the Lenny yard waste cart, they must be tied and bundled with twine.
- Do not use tape, wire, or plastic ties.



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